

COMMUNICATION

Stay Connected!

If you would like to stay informed about church events or prayer needs, fill out a communication card or contact the office to be added to any of our church email lists.

Bulletin Announcements Deadline

Please contact the office by Wednesday at noon.

PRAYER FOCUS

Norwood Wesleyan Church

Serving inner city Edmonton



Please pray: A major structural problem exists in the church basement that needs immediate attention. A large crack keeps persistently appearing in the basement wall. A local builder who is a supporter of the church has volunteered to correct the problem for the cost of materials which he estimates to total about \$3000.



RHM Annual Celebration

Come and relax, share in a buffet dinner, hear about last year's milestones, and enjoy wonderful entertainment and a silent auction on **Saturday, Apr. 18**, 5:45 p.m. at Montgomery Legion (330 Kent St.) For info or to buy tickets (\$40) at restoringhope.ca/main/events-page.

OUR MISSION

The Mission of Sunnyside Wesleyan Church is to be:

A place where we experience God's transforming love through the Holy Spirit, by faith, the Word of God, worship and prayer;

A people being transformed by the love and grace of Jesus as we practise authentic community;

A presence of God's transforming love in Old Ottawa South, across the city and around the world, through acts of generosity, compassion and outreach.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Prayer Requests

prayer@sunnysidechurch.ca

(Will be kept strictly confidential.)

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Sunnyside Wesleyan Church

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Office hours:

Monday to Friday

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Sunday Services:

9 & 11 a.m.

March 1, 2020

Lent 1



Experiencing, Embodying, and Expressing
God's Transforming Love

9 & 11 a.m.

Pastor Kerry is speaking on
The Lord's Prayer Part 1: Our Father in Heaven

Next week:
Pastor Kerry will be speaking
Newcomers' Reception (after both services)

WELCOME GUESTS!

We're happy you're here! Please pause to fill out a connection card and drop it in the offering plate or the Communication box in the foyer, or scan the QR code.



Children & Youth: A supervised nursery for newborns to age 2 is located upstairs. All other programming takes place downstairs. Early in the service, children are called to the front for prayer before going to their classes.

Sunday school schedule:

- 9 a.m. - Age 3 to Gr. 6 (Communion Sunday, to Gr. 5)
- 11 a.m. - Age 3 to Gr. 4
- Youth (Gr. 7-12) - 2nd Sunday of the month at 9 a.m.

All children and youth ministry volunteers have had police records checks.

Accessibility: Washrooms are downstairs; if you need to use the elevator, an usher will be happy to assist you. Portable hearing devices and binders with large print song lyrics are available from the ushers.

Giving: The operations and ministries of Sunnyside are made possible as we, from a love response to God, freely offer our time, money, and talent. There are several ways to help support this work we're in together: text "swcott" to 77977, use an offering envelope (located in the pew), or go to our website: sunnysidechurch.ca/giving.

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS

- Sunnyside's weekly budget is \$8,259.
- Last week, Sunnyside received \$6,181; \$30 was for missions.
- Compared to this Sunday last year, givings are \$5,722 less.



*Thank you for your faithfulness
and support in giving!*

Attendance: Feb. 23
9 a.m. - 123 11 a.m. - 100

Local Church Conference

Today, everyone is welcome to attend a meeting of the Local Church Conference after the 11 a.m. service. The congregation will vote on the annual budget proposed by the Board, and on the renewal of Pastor Kerry's appointment as senior pastor. Members of the church and those who consider themselves to be regular attenders will be able to vote. While the official record of decision is determined by the vote of the members, everyone will have an opportunity to be heard. *The proceedings will be piped into the nursery for families who wish to use it.*

Opt Yourself in to Serve

Let us know who you are and how you would enjoy contributing to others in our community! Please place your name beside your area of interest on the coffee counter in the foyer. We don't want to miss you as we set up new and continuing service roles for 2020-2021.



Daylight Saving Time

Remember to turn your un-smart watches and clocks forward one hour this **Saturday, Mar. 8.**

The Been Theres

Are you 55+? Join us **Thursday, Mar. 5** at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement for refreshments, video teaching, and discussion led by Pastor Kerry. 

Wake Up the World Conference: Mar. 6-8

If you're able to help out with food donations or meal prep, please contact Jesse Duncan.

The Truth Project

A study group will be offered starting **Sunday, Mar. 15** featuring a video series on how various worldviews influence us and compare to Christian beliefs. We'll consider the cosmic battle between Truth (reality) and Falsehood (the illusion). Choose your time, after either the 9 or 11 a.m. service. Light refreshments will be provided. Location: Grosvenor House Conference Rm. (upstairs)
❖ 10:30 - 11:30, facilitated by Mario & Lydia Mangeon (For info: vitaminsea1994@gmail.com, 613-733-3667)
❖ 12:30 - 1L30, facilitated by Don & Jill Dubreuil (For info: j.carson.is@rogers.com, 613-523-8872)

SERMON QUESTIONS

This Week's Readings:

Ps 148, Isa 63:7-9, Heb 2:10-18, Matt 6:1-21

The Lord's Prayer, Part 1: Our Father in Heaven

1. Read Matthew 6:1-21. In verse 1, Jesus warns of a wrong kind of 'righteousness.' How does he describe this false 'righteousness'?
2. Clearly Jesus expects his followers to give to those who are poor, fast and pray. (For example, in verse 5, he says, "Whenever you pray...") But how does one give, fast and pray in a true way? Specifically, what do vv. 5-8 teach us about how to, and how not to, pray?
3. Read v. 8. If prayer is not to communicate information to God, and if it is not to demand things from God, why pray?
4. How does thinking of the Lord's prayer as God the Son's prayer to God the Father affect your view of this prayer?
5. Focus on v. 9. What is the significance of the word "Our"?
6. Relationships with human fathers – negative or positive – do not define God the Father. Rather, God the Father defines fatherhood. What is God like as Father? How does Jesus give us insight into the character of our Father?
7. What is the significance of praying to our Father "in heaven"? What does heaven mean? What does it not mean?
8. Spend some time praying. Take your time, allow for silence, and let the phrase "Our Father in heaven" fuel your prayers. (For example, "Father us in areas we have been insecure" or "may our church, our community, realize your Father-heart" or "forgive us for competing with our spiritual brothers and sisters.")

Empowered 2020 Women's Conference

Plan now for this exciting event, **May 1-2** at Centennial Road Church in Brockville, featuring speaker Joanna la Fleur and music by Samecity. \$65 early bird or \$80 (plus hotel); Fri. only—\$30 early bird or \$35; Sat. only—\$50 early bird or \$65. Early bird deadline is March 1. For info, go to the Facebook event (Empowered 2020), or website (empoweredwm.ca), or contact Jill Davis.